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SUMMARY. REFTTEL REPORTED FROLINAT DENUNCIATION OF
CEASE-FIRED AGREEMENT. YESTERDAY'S INFOTCHAD SUPPLIED FURTHER
ELABORATION ON MANNER IN WHICH FROLINAT/GOUKOUNI REJECTED
MIXED MILITARY COMMISSION CEASE-FIRE SUPERVISORY TEAM AT
AYA LARGEAU AND LEVIED CHARGES AGAINST SUDANESE VICE
PRESIDENT ABDOUL GASSIM.

1. ACCORDING TO MAY 2 INFOTCHAD FROLINAT TOOK TO
THE AIR WAVES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 30 AND BROADCAST A
COMMUNIQUE OVER RADIO LIBYA IN WHICH IT STATED THAT IT
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CONSIDERED THE BENGHAZI AGREEMENT DEAD AND ACCUSED
SUDANESE FIRST VP ABDOUL GASSIM MOHAMED IBRAHIM OF HAVING
LEGITIMATIZED FRENCH AGGRESSION BEING PERPETRATED
AGAINST THE CHADIAN PEOPLE. THE COMMUNIQUE CONTINUED
THAT THE AIRPLANE TRANSPORTING MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY
COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH SUPERVISING THE CEASE-FIRE
HAD BEEN TURNED BACK ON ARRIVAL AT FAYA LARGEAU LAST

SATURDAY. FROLINAT GAVE AS ITS REASON THAT THE COMMITTEE NO LONGER CORRESPONDED TO THE SPIRIT OF THE BENGHAZI ACCORD WHICH INITIALLY CALLED FOR ITS COMPOSITION TO BE ONLY NIGERIEAN AND LIBYAN BUT WHERE THERE NOW WAS A SUDANESE PRESENCE, WHICH HAD BEEN DONE WITHOUT CONSULTING FROLINAT. THE AIRPLANE (N.B. LIBYAN C-130) HAD BEEN DETOURED TO SEBHA WHERE THE NIGERIEAN AND SUDANESE COMMISSION MEMBERS WERE ABANDONED IN A MILITARY CAMP LOCATED FOUR KMS OUTSIDE THE CITY. LIBYAN TEAM MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY DISAPPEARED AND IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF NIAMEY TO INTERVENE IN ORDER TO ARRANGE THE RETURN OF ITS TEAM MEMBERS AND THE SUDANESE TO NDJAMENA ON MAY 1, ACCORDING TO INFOTCHAD.

2. THE ARTICLE GOES ON AT SOME LENGTH TO POINT OUT THAT THIS INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS FROLINAT'S CONTINUING BAD FAITH AND JUSTIFIED THE PRESENCE OF SUDANESE OFFICERS ON THE MILITARY INSPECTION TEAM BY QUOTING THE ORIGINAL BENGHAZI COMMUNIQUE AS SAYING QUOTE THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, BROTHER ABOULKASSEM MOHAMED IBRAHIM WILL TAKE ALL MEASURES NECESSARY FOR THE EXECUTION OF THIS COMMUNIQUE. UNQUOTE. THE EDITORIAL ALSO POINTS OUT THAT ABOUL GASSIM HAD MORE THAN JUSTIFIED FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE IN SAYING QUOTE IF THERE ARE STEPS TO TAKE REGARDING FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE IN CHAD, UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS WILL BE THE DUTY OF THE NEW NATIONAL UNION GOVERNMENT UNQUOTE AND THAT QUOTE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD SHOW ITS GOOD INTENTIONS BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF FRENCH TROOPS EACH TIME THERE WAS AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECURITY SITUATION. UNQUOTE.

3. INFOTCHAD CONCLUDED BY POINTING OUT FROLINAT VIOLATED THREE POINTS OF THE BENGHAZI COMMUNIQUE: NAMELY CESSATION OF RADIO BROADCAST ATTACKS, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, AND THE CEASE-FIRE ITSELF. THEREFORE, IF THE SEBHA/BENGHAZI AGREEMENTS ARE DEAD, IT IS ENTIRELY FROLINAT'S RESPONSIBILITY. COMMENT. THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT THE CEASE-FIRE TEAM SENT TO ARADA WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO LAND AND IS NOW IN ABECHE. BRADFORD

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